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Framing the Neighbourhood: *Jasper Place Lumberyards*

By Brooke Leifso

Throughout the early 20th century, Jasper Place was home to a number of lumberyards and mills that have all closed without leaving many buildings or plaques as lasting memories. We are curious to learn more about the workers, owners, and clients involved in these businesses.

Merrill D. Muttart and Gladys Edith Muttart opened M.D. Muttart Lumber Company in 1935 at 15404 Stony Plain Road. Gladys, an advocate for Indigenous communities, was gifted a totem pole by its artist, Chief Mathius Joe Capilano of the Squamish Nation. This totem pole resided at the lumberyard until it was given to CFRN. It can now be found at the Royal Alberta Museum.

Northern Plywood, owned by P.D. Fuhr and local resident C.R. Tufford began operations in 1946 in the building previously occupied by the Muttart Lumberyard. We know that Northern Plywood’s 30 employees comprised of a mixed gender crew — a rarity at the time — and we’d like to know who they were. Northern Plywood was the only Canadian manufacturer of poplar plywood. There were two fires at the company in 1948. The first, on February 4th, destroyed the main building. It started in the insulating material of what the Edmonton Journal calls “a rambling” building with the flames spreading to the drying and dried poplar plywood. Machinery was destroyed. Four and



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a half months later, the second fire occurred, completely ruining the business.
In 1953, Imperial Lumber opened at the same address. It was a flagship store for one of the largest companies in Canada at the time. The building, a block long, sold appliances, heating equipment, tools, and china as well as lumber.

Its Jasper Place location boasted natural light and “easy to get at counters.”
We’ve also heard there was a lumber mill on the site of New West Hotel before it was built, and that Burton’s Lumber, Westlawn Lumber, Direct Lumber Co., and City Lumber Co. were also present to serve the Town of Jasper Place’s

needs in the mid-1950s.
We are certain there are local houses with foundation beams that came from Muttart, Northern Plywood, or Imperial Lumber, or from the other yards, and there are remnants of mid-century wood paneling in a local bungalow. Without us knowing, the lumberyards hold up our buildings and frame our lives (pun intended).
Have a lumberyard story to share?
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Imperial Lumber, April 30 1956.

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Wishing You a Safe Summer

Megan Lala

Summer is here in Edmonton! Welcome to the Summer 2021 issue of SPANN! We are thrilled to be bringing you updates and events to liven up your summer months and get you involved in the community. When I look back over the last year and a half, I think about how difficult things were for everyone: for our community members, for our businesses, and for our children. West Edmonton has been resilient and has persevered through this pandemic and I know we are all itching to return back to a normal life. We are so close!

As Edmontonians begin to get their first and second vaccine doses, we need to remember to still be mindful of people and businesses. We are all trying our best and while it is tempting to begin to act like the pandemic is over, we should still be courteous and cautious around others. I am so proud of the stories that have come out of our West Edmonton communities, stories of kindness, of generosity and of adaptability. The COVID-19 pandemic, despite everything, managed to bring out some wonderful qualities in our neighbours and I continue to look forward to

seeing this as we progress into a summer with relaxed restrictions. As you read through this issue of SPANN, I hope you get some inspiration for activities to partake in and events to visit over the summer months! Whether it's collecting and dropping off donations to the West End Seniors Activity Centre (p7) or checking out a new virtual golfing business (p6), there are plenty of things to do in the area! I also encourage you to visit and support your local businesses. Retail shops, personal services and restaurants have had a tough go with having to close and reopen multiple times. An extra thank you, being patient with servers, and leaving a kind social media post or review can go a long way for a lot of businesses and staff members.

Have a safe summer and don't forget to send in your community photos to be featured in the next issue of SPANN! We would love to see all the fun that everyone gets up to! If you have any questions, concerns or input about SPANN, I can be reached at spanneditor@gmail.com.
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Edit:
An update to *An Influx of Change: A Tribute to Corner Pharmacy* in SPANN: Spring 2021 by Brooke

Leifso: "The pharmacy at the corner of 156 Street and Stony Plain Road was Miller Drugs for decades and then it became the first, or one of the first, Shopper's Drug Mart in the city. The Shopper's store was still operated by Stan Miller. After he left the business, the pharmacy operated under numerous badges, before becoming the Corner

Pharmacy. Clock drugs was at the east end of the shopping strip." Deliveries also went to all kinds of residents as not everyone had a car.
– Joe Miller



Stony Plain Road Business Association Update

Todd Janes

I hope you have an opportunity to read this article while the days are long, reclining in a comfy chair with the sun kissing your face and a gentle breeze keeping you cool. After over 15 months of playing with the bouncing ball of restrictions to stay healthy and protect all of us, I am writing this as businesses and all of us begin to emerge from over a month of restrictions brought on by the third wave of COVID-19. Today it's raining and it's overcast and I have been jutting around our area trying to ensure that our summer flower program planters and hanging baskets are being placed where we have planned. I have also been able to chat briefly and physically distanced from our business owners. I think that the flowers are points of light for all of us to signal that we have survived and we are emerging from this pandemic.

Pausing to literally smell the flowers, I met a business owner who joked to me that I should take a little time to check the flowers,

but not too long. I pulled down my mask, said hello, smiled and I asked how they were doing. The business owner commented that it's been a long haul and finally, maybe, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We both agreed and held tightly onto our shared hope. We talked about the difficulties they have had and some businesses that we have lost and speculated about what will come next to these places. I am sure we all miss these small encounters and chats and it was not lost on either of us. We will be rebuilding for some time, however I am very hopeful of the future because of the passion and dedication of so many of our SPR businesses and how they have navigated these times with compassion and hard work.

I also am getting a better sense of our community along and throughout SPR and how place making is such a very integral component to building back better. Essential to any mainstreet is a stronger sense of identity and shared visions of what we are building and how important locality is for our

local economies and to building stronger neighbourhoods for families and businesses. We need a better sense of connectedness - of being inclusive and of collectively building local, stronger communities. We need more spaces along SPR that we can collectively gather, bring friends and family members. More places where we can people watch, connect with others and relax over amazing food, refreshing beverages, and engaging conversations. Small pockets of positive interactions where we laugh, share stories, and at times, support each other and listen

deeply. Things like flowers, benches, pop-up tables and chairs help humanize our spaces and allow us to watch the street and understand the rhythm of the Road. It also creates more inviting spaces to allow people to come to our area to shop, to explore and to celebrate.

If you have ideas to share, concepts to discuss, or thoughts or concerns, please reach out and let's talk more.

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Info about Valley Line West LRT

City of Edmonton

Early construction work has already begun for the Valley Line West LRT project. Do you have any questions? Get in touch with us!

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Uber donates 10,000 rides to support Alberta’s vaccination efforts

211 Alberta teams up with ride-hailing service to get Albertans to vaccination appointments

Carrie-Ann Lunde

In partnership with 211 Alberta, an initiative of United Way, Uber Canada is donating 10,000 rides to help people who do not have transportation get to and from COVID-19 vaccine appointments. The donated rides are available in Edmonton and Calgary. City residents who lack other options for transportation can reach out to 211 to request a promotion code which will provide two free rides to allow a round trip to and from a scheduled vaccination appointment. A total of 5,000 round trips are available.

“We’re committed to doing our part to provide Albertans with a safe, convenient, and accessible means of transportation to get to and from a vaccination site. By partnering with 211 Alberta, it is our goal to help ensure that transportation is not a barrier to vaccination for Edmonton and Calgary’s most underserved residents,” says Matthew Price, General Manager, Uber Canada. President and CEO of United Way of the Alberta

Capital Region, Rob Yager, is pleased with the way Uber Canada has stepped up to help in this situation. “At United Way, we work hard to find unique, collaborative solutions to the highest need problems in our communities,” says Yager. “Uber coming in to support those who may be facing transportation barriers to getting a vaccine is a clear example of how we can come together to offer real-time solutions for challenges facing people in our community. This is a fantastic initiative.”

To request an Uber promotion code, residents who have no other transportation options may contact 211 — a free, confidential service, accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reach out by:

- Dialing 2-1-1
- Texting RIDE to 211
- Using Live Chat at: www.ab.211.ca/

The live 211 Community Resource Specialists will work with callers to assess their needs and then provide a unique promo code to be used through

the Uber app for two rides to get people to and from their vaccination appointments.

“211 Alberta strives to meet people where they’re at. By partnering with Uber, we are acknowledging the desire of Albertans to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as well as the need for transportation to vaccination appointments,” says Stephanie Wright, 211 Alberta Manager. “This initiative can help those living in areas with low vaccination rates if transportation is the challenge. We’re proud to innovate alongside Uber.”

211 Alberta and Uber Canada have also partnered with the local Edmonton COVID-19 Rapid Response Collaborative and Calgary East Zone Newcomers Collaborative to distribute some codes through local community organizations.

The initiative has been running since late-May and promo codes are redeemable until September 30, 2021.

Carrie-Ann Lunde is the Director, Product, Marketing & Brand at My United Way of the Alberta Capital Region

Kids On Track: Open for Summer

Kristy Chaisson & Sarah Semotiuk

Many parents are questioning, “What am I going to do with my kids this summer?” Kids On Track knows that summer can be a challenging time for keeping kids and youth busy on a budget. That’s why we are excited to announce the relaunch of the Kids On Track Summer program for kids and teens, saving kids from boredom and parents from bored kids!

As most people already know, this past year has been one of change and adaptation. Everybody has felt the whiplash of reopening and closing again, most of all, our children. The kids in our lives have developed incredible resilience over the past year, and at Kids On Track, we wanted to do everything we could to give them the best summer ever. One of the biggest needs we saw in our community was just that: community. Children



Youth fun at the aerial park.

especially need community and fun, and we wanted to do everything we could to foster that in our area.

Kids On Track is located in the heart of Jasper Place, serving all West Edmonton communities with low-cost summer programming. We work with any ability to pay—we just want to get kids and youth active this summer!

Safety continues to be our focus as we continue to be committed to following all AHS guidelines and we will continue to prioritize community health as Alberta begins to open for the summer.

Our staff have been hard at work to find creative and fun ways to get our community together this summer, and we cannot WAIT to bring their ideas to life! From pool noodle tag to messy art days, our program staff have a summer of fun waiting!

Registration for Summer Day Camps is open on our website at www.kidsontrack.org. Registration is fully online so you can register from the comfort of your home! Don’t delay, register today!

Keep tabs on what Kids On Track is up to on our various social media platforms: Twitter (@kidsontrack, @SHIFT_YOUTH), Instagram (@kidsontrackedmonton, @kotshiftityouth), Facebook (@kidsontrackedmonton), Website (www.kidsontrack.org).

Kristy Chaisson is the Program Director and Sarah Semotiuk is the Administrative Assistant at Kids on Track Edmonton.

SPANN Wants to SEE YOUR PHOTOS



Send your community photos in to spanneditor@gmail.com for your chance to be featured in the next issue!



Remembering Irene Blain

Councillor Andrew Knack

On March 16th, 2021, the City of Edmonton lost an incredible community leader. Irene Blain served as the President of the West Jasper Sherwood Community League and volunteered her time for decades to help make her community and city an even better place. I first met Irene about 10 years ago and upon meeting her, I immediately knew that she was a passionate advocate for her community and the city at-large.

One of the traits that I admire most about Irene was her ability to bring together the community no matter what issue was being discussed. She had a way to engage neighbours

that few other people had. That allowed her to gain a much greater understanding of what was important to everyone in the community. That understanding was then able to be acted on by everyone in the community.

As with most things in life, there were times where community residents didn't always agree with each other but Irene always made sure that everyone was able to share their opinions by creating a respectful and safe environment. I had the



Andrew Knack

same experience myself, because there were occasions when we didn't agree but Irene was always willing to sit down with me and take the time to learn from each other.

It was clear the impact she had on everyone living in the community.

I would regularly hear from other residents about Irene's tireless volunteer work. Everyone knew Irene and they knew that she was working hard every day to improve the lives of every person. She has inspired many other people in our city to get involved to help

build an even better community and city.

Irene will be greatly missed. For those who never had the pleasure of meeting Irene, I hope you get the opportunity to learn about her service to the community and city. I want to express my deepest condolences to Irene's family, friends, and neighbours.

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News From the Ledge: An update from the area's MLAs



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Fortunately, the warm weather means we can spend more time enjoying the outdoors and do so safely. Lori and I are thrilled to see that many Albertans are stepping up to get vaccinated. The NDP proposed paid leave to access the vaccine, a measure that was unanimously passed in the legislature. As a result, workers are now entitled to three hours of paid leave to get the COVID-19 vaccine. This is a great step forward to ensure that all eligible Albertans can

be vaccinated as soon as possible.

We have also proposed that every worker be guaranteed up to 10 paid sick days. One of the best ways to keep each other safe is to stay home when we aren't feeling well. We know that many

workers can't afford to miss days on their pay cheque. Choosing between working when sick to pay the rent and endangering others isn't fair and it isn't in the public's best interest. Our plan would see employers continue to pay their isolating worker(s) which would be reimbursed by the provincial and federal governments. This will shorten the pandemic and allow us to fully relaunch the economy safer and sooner.

As the critic for seniors, Lori has spent considerable time fighting for safer and more supportive continuing care. While the UCP government is fighting to protect care providers from lawsuits, Lori is fighting for families' rights to seek justice. Bill 70 would prevent families who have lost a loved one due to COVID-19 in continuing care facilities from seeking accountability through the court system. Lori has called on the UCP to scrap Bill 70, which would rob families of the right to seek justice in this way.

As the critic for education, the current curriculum proposed by the government has been a key focus for Sarah. It is outdated, age inappropriate and it offends many Albertans. The curriculum will not be fully piloted by any school divisions in Alberta and only five of the

61 have agreed to test a small portion of it. 95 per cent of principals have opposed the curriculum and at a recent representatives' forum for teachers, 99 per cent voted non-confidence in the minister of education. However, the good news is that more Albertans than ever before are keen to contribute and help develop a curriculum that truly prepares Albertans for the future. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond this year to support students or school staff please consider nominating them for a letter of recognition from Sarah and Rachel Notley. You can nominate someone by visiting <https://www.albertandpcaucus.ca/take-action/education-heroes>.



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Small Businesses Need Our Support

James Cumming, MP

Edmonton Coin and Laundry has been at 15239 Stony Plain Rd since the 1960's. Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting the owner, Goitom – I was amazed to learn that he has operated the business for over 30 years!

As a new immigrant to Canada, Goitom immediately started to provide for his family. He bought the laundromat and has dedicated his life to running his business and supporting his family.

Like many small businesses, Edmonton Coin and Laundry is feeling the impacts of COVID-19. While many businesses have been able to access support programs from the federal government, Goitom discovered that he is ineligible for many of them. I have been advocating for small businesses like his and urging the federal government to support



James and Goitom

more businesses – it seems unfair he cannot access the same programs as everyone else.

I was inspired by Goitom's positivity, his love for his business, and his dedication. He reminded me of the importance of supporting local businesses

as they are the heart of our communities. They employ thousands of Canadians, they give back to the community, and foster meaningful relationships.

As vaccinations ramp up and the economy begins to re-open, as a community, we need to show our support for local businesses like Edmonton Coin and Laundry.

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Open Fore the Summer: Longshotz Golf



Photo of mural inside Longshotz Golf.

Photo submitted by Baylee Toshack.

Megan Lala

A new business will be opening this summer on Stony Plain Road that will help defeat summer boredom! Longshotz Golf is a family-run business that is a state of the art Trackman virtual golf centre suitable for golfers of all skill levels. I spoke with Robert and Baylee Toshack, owners and operators of Longshotz Golf to find out more about their exciting new addition to the growing group of golf related experiences in the Edmonton area.

“Currently, we are running Longshotz Driving Range located in Sherwood Park,” states Baylee Toshack, “We have owned and operated Longshotz Driving Range for four years and are looking forward to elevating golf experiences to a year-round indoor and outdoor play.”

The Stony Plain Road location boasts nearly 8500 square feet featuring four private rooms and one teaching academy for those who are looking to improve their game.

“We look forward to indulging tastes for locally sourced food and beverages in our fully licensed lounge featuring a local virtual kitchen, Cloud Kitchen Concepts.”

The Longshotz lounge features an 800 square foot putting green, billiard tables, arcade games, dart boards, and much more to keep customers entertained before and after rounds of golf.

Both Robert and Baylee are passionate about

their business and take pride in providing excellent golf training combined with outstanding customer service. Robert is a long time Canadian PGA member who specializes in golf instruction, club fitting and golf operations throughout the Longshotz brand. For Baylee, she is proud to say that she comes from a diverse background of customer service, including managing and working for local Alberta food and beverage aviation companies. Together, they are excited to bring



Photo virtual golf screen inside Longshotz Golf.

Photo submitted by Baylee Toshack.

customers the most enriching golf experience. The duo have introduced local talent into their new store. Up and coming artist, Nolan Ryan and local food beverage guru, TJ Gross, will entice and surprise the senses the moment customers walk in the store. New to the Edmonton scene, Ryan used contemporary techniques to create the murals featured at Longshotz Golf. Gross brings his unique Cloud Kitchen brands that are dedicated to restaurant quality, comfort food and chef inspired items to the Longshotz menu or delivered right to your door. “Being a part of the community and relying on the importance of local community relationships is extremely important to Rob and I and it’s what we believe will help us all get through this challenging time together,” states Baylee, “Whether it is buying a small gift card, coffee from a local cafe, or take-out from a favourite restaurant, any small or large gesture speaks volumes in times like this.” Stay tuned to the Longshotz website and social media for opening updates coming to you soon! Megan Lala is the Communications Coordinator for the Stony Plain Road Business Association and the Editor for SPANN.

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Family owned and operated since 1996, Bucas and Pastas is a neighbourhood favourite that Italian food lovers can't miss. Located along 100 Avenue in West Edmonton, they offer an abundance of comfort food available for take-out, dine-in (when possible), and catering.

Upon entering the restaurant, my friend and I were greeted by friendly staff members who promptly gave us an overview of what was available – including a variety of pastas, salads, and desserts. It's served up counter-style, where guests can mix and match fresh pastas and sauces in several portion sizes.

The restaurant is small but inviting and has a lot of charm. They have great safety measures in place, such as hand sanitizer on the counter and staff



wearing masks, which made us feel more comfortable when entering and ordering.

I went with the tortellini (large portion size) and paired it with a classic red sauce. To round out my meal, I also opted for a small caesar salad and garlic toast. My friend went for the Cajun linguine (large portion size) and paired it with the creamy mushroom sauce, as well as a small Greek salad and garlic toast. To top off our meals, we got one slice of the 'Death by Chocolate' dessert to share.

The tortellini was pillowy soft and had the perfect amount of meaty filling. I'm glad I opted for the red sauce, as it complimented the pasta well and didn't overpower the flavour of the filling. The large portion size was more than enough for a meal



Photo of exterior of Bucas & Pastas.

Photo submitted by Megan Lala.

and some leftovers (unless you're really hungry!). The caesar salad had a delicious dressing that garlic lovers will appreciate.

My friend said her pasta dish with the mushroom sauce was incredibly creamy and had a lot of flavour, and that the Greek salad had plenty of fresh vegetables and a tasty dressing. We both enjoyed our garlic toast, which tasted homemade (garlic butter on a toasted bun).

When it came time to dive into our dessert, we easily split the large slice into two and it was more than enough

for each of us. I highly recommend doing this unless you have room for a big dessert portion. The chocolate flavour was very prominent, with a light chocolate cake that was layered with a whipped/mousse-like topping.

Overall, our meals were very good and we both noted that we can't wait to come back to sample more of their freshly made dishes! Bucas and Pastas is open Monday through Saturday.

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Westend Seniors Activity Centre - Alberta Seniors Week Event

Lorena Smalley

To recognize Alberta Seniors Week, the Westend Seniors Activity Centre is hosting "It's A Wonderful Day In Our Neighborhood - A Drive Thru Event To Help Others!" on Thursday, June 10th at the centre's gorgeous facility located in terra losa. "We will have stations set up throughout our parking lot so people can drop off donations for organizations like the Edmonton Food Bank, the Inner City Pet Food Bank and Pack a Purse," said Liang, Executive Director of the centre.

The first stop will have WSAC centre staff handing out large sheets of paper with the heading "What Are

You Thankful For?" Attendees will be encouraged to write out their answers and at the last stop of the drive thru event, WSAC staff will take photos of them with their sign. "We really want this to be a day where people can get out and do something positive. For many of us, when we give back we can't help but feel good. We hope the event will give people some joy and remember that even in these tough times, we all have something to be thankful for. Hopefully, it is also a gentle reminder to all of us to try and focus on the positives in our lives" said Liang.

"We have a few initiatives planned for the day," said Heather Riberdy,

Event Manager for the centre.

- Our Backpacks For The Homeless goal is simple...we want to collect 100 backpacks full of life's little necessities and then we will be donating these backpacks to help Edmonton's less fortunate.

- Our "Pack A Purse" initiative. Lots of us ladies have gently used purses lying around that we never use. We are hoping ladies will fill their purses with personal care items and bring them to our centre" said Riberdy. "We will be collecting them and then donating them to AWILL (Aspiring Women In Leadership And Legacy).

- We are also accepting donations for Edmonton's Inner City Pet Food Bank.

For many inner city residents, their pets are their lifeline and provide them with a sense of connection. Our staff here at the centre are pet lovers and we know our members are too so we are really excited to be accepting new and gently used pet supply donations that we know will make a difference!"

WSAC will be collecting these items throughout the summer. Feel free to drop off at their centre.

When: Monday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Westend Seniors Activity Centre, 9629 176 St.

To learn more about the Westend Seniors Activity Centre please visit our website www.weseniors.ca

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Community League Updates

West Jasper Sherwood Community League

The tennis courts are now open first come first served, for use during daylight hours. Please be courteous if others are waiting to play. Enter by the basketball court gate. Please follow the current Alberta Health recommendations for Outdoor Fitness, Sport & Recreation Activities.

What do you think?

If you could create your own community, what would that community look like when it was complete? Does your community league provide activities for you and your family? Is there good access to parks and recreation space? Does your community have vibrant businesses and places to gather with friends and neighbors for coffee or a meal? Are your community league members engaged in civic participation; bringing the opinions of the residents to officials?

As a member of the West Jasper/ Sherwood community we are asking you to reimagine where you live. Our collective neighbourhood is vibrant and dynamic, but it is also in flux. As change continues it is important that we as residents are informed of the issues and have a clear vision of the type of community in which we want to live.

As a stakeholder in the community, and our league, one of the ways you can assist in building the future of West Jasper/Sherwood is by completing a survey. Your input will help shape planning for sports, culture and leisure activities, potential new equipment or infrastructure, attract new leadership to the league, promote a sense of belonging, and guide our community through some emerging challenges.

Look for a postcard in your mail in the coming weeks that provides details on completing the survey. A few minutes of your time can help to shape the future of where you live. And you can also win a prize from a local business just for completing the survey.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Free Art Hive Events to Happen this Summer!

Stephanie Shochat-Gruss

Are you longing for some playful, creative activity and self-expression? Do you find inspiration in the company of others - enjoying the opportunity to learn and thrive together?

Imagine you have access to a table laden with arts and craft materials, with chairs where you can sit while you build, sculpt, draw, paint, knit, or stitch something for yourself or a loved one. Perhaps you will build a whimsical birdhouse or a colourful garden sculpture. Perhaps you will craft a mobile with found objects from nature. There is no limit to your creativity.

This kind of setting is known as an Art Hive, a community art studio that can take place indoors or outdoors -- a place in which people of any age, ethnicity and gender are welcome to create, connect, and grow in community together.



Photo from an ArtHive Event at Boylestreet Community Services.

Earlier this year, Abundant Communities Edmonton initiated a program called Participatory Edmonton and invited people to a symposium to discuss ways to enliven our city. The discussion included artists, city planners, engineers, neighborhood coordinators, representatives of community leagues and interested citizens from Canada and Europe. Ideas were shared and art contributed to show what had worked best in other cities to help neighbors come together, feel safer with each other, co-create a sense of belonging within their neighborhoods, and learn from one another.

The perceived need for more vibrancy and connection in our cities comes from an awareness of the growing problem of loneliness, which is due to a variety of factors. These include the way we build homes, the isolating and polarizing effects of technology and, more recently, the impact that COVID-19 has had on people's lives, families, jobs, and sense of safety.

Participatory Edmonton symposium participants were invited to meet one another and brainstorm ideas and projects for the city. In this context, Jillian Paschen and Stephanie Shochat-Gruss, two expressive arts therapists, each with a different history within the international network of Art Hives, agreed to work together to create the Inclusive ART HIVE Initiative.

Now, Jillian and Stephanie are your hosts, inviting you to be creative in your community. Join us in Canora on the last three Sundays of June, July and August.

Three FREE ART HIVE EVENTS will be held June 27, July 25, and August 29, 2021 from 2-5pm at the outdoor space adjacent to the Canora Community League (10425 152 Street).

Artfully embrace community, conversation, and support in your neighbourhood. Participation and art materials are free of charge.

Our site adheres to all AHS protocols for safe gatherings.



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Glenwood Community League will be canceling the Party in the Park for 2021. We are

looking forward to celebrating our amazing neighbourhood together in 2022!

Keep your eyes peeled for a new Glenwood scavenger hunt on our website and in our newsletter in the coming months! While you are out and about, nominate your neighbours for Front Yards in Bloom on the City of Edmonton website.

Deckla Lindgren

Spring has been a very busy season. Cleaning the yards once the snow disappeared and getting ready for planting gardens and flower beds, seems to bring a sense of optimism and enthusiasm as winter is finally over and we can now get outside and enjoy the Alberta sunshine.

The flower beds at St. Anne Park have been planted again this year and we are looking

Canora Park Watch

forward to seeing the colorful blooms this summer. Thank you to the city for rototilling the beds.

Unfortunately, due to the recent increase of Covid cases earlier this year, we were unable to host any of the spring events this year. We are hoping in September, we will be able to host the Annual Scavenger Hunt and Meet the Police

Night -pending AHS protocols. If we are able to proceed with these events, we will be sending out flyers in advance with dates and times.

We are all looking forward to seeing our neighbours and friends again in the near future and having the opportunity to meet the many new residents of Canora.

In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe, keep working together, so we can get back to some semblance of normal, albeit a new normal.

Community Classifieds

Community Classifieds are **FREE** to area residents. Length limit: five lines or less. We reserve the right to edit classifieds based on clarity and suitability. We also reserve the right to refuse classifieds that are not appropriate for the paper. Classifieds may also appear on our website. Email your classified ad to spanneditor@gmail.com.

Turkish Canadian community seeking feedback for future development plans in Canora

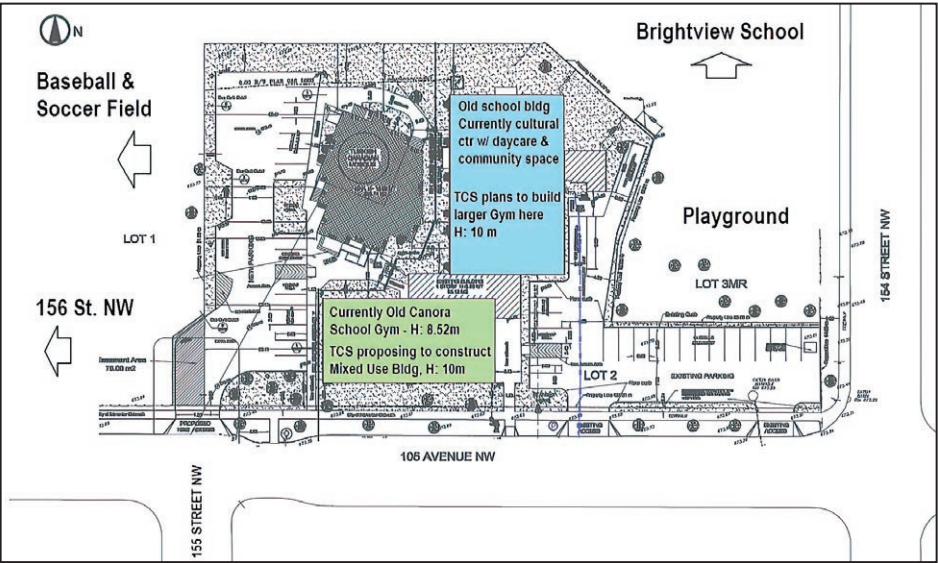
Sim Senol

Older residents of Britannia-Youngstown, Canora, Glenwood, West Jasper/Sherwood might remember the days when the old Canora School served the community as an elementary school from 1949 to 1972. Turkish Canadian Society (TCS), a cultural organization established in 1976 has been operating the old school building as a community and cultural centre since they purchased it in 1999. In recent years, the small Turkish Canadian community has embarked on an ambitious project to build a small mosque on the North West side of their property. Although the pandemic has made fundraising for the project quite challenging, the construction has been progressing faster than expected thanks to donations from community members and the dedication of scores of volunteers who are helping with the project.

The construction project has been going so well that the community leaders have already

started contemplating on a Phase II development idea to replace the aging existing buildings. From the time it was closed in 1972 until a new dedicated Board took over the operations in 2015, the main building and the small gym started deteriorating rapidly as the small volunteer organization lacked the financial and human resource capacity to undertake the crucial maintenance and upgrade functions. In 2017, the new TCS Board was able to secure a provincial grant which enabled them to renovate and reopen the Gym. Since then they have been sharing that space with several other cultural groups. During the pandemic, when youth basketball groups were unable to secure gym space in school buildings, TCS stepped in to make their spaces available to two different youth basketball programs when the pandemic restrictions allowed conducting youth sports.

The success TCS has had with the mosque construction process, the deteriorating state of the existing buildings, and the new collaborations



they have established with other non-profit organizations have led TCS executives to dream about complete replacement of the two existing buildings. Currently the existing buildings house a daycare, a Kung-fu school, a gym, a community kitchen/hall, and some classrooms for the Turkish community’s weekend school. The property is in an Urban Services zone, which limits the development options for the non-profit organization. In order to make the complete replacement of the buildings financially viable the Turkish community is planning on applying for a zoning change, to change it from Urban Services (US) zone to (DC2) Site Specific Development Control Provision. Their plan is to replace the existing gym facing 105 Ave. with a mixed-use building with stores

(potentially a restaurant, small grocery store, and personal service space) on the main floor with a childcare and community activity space on the second and third floors. Once the mixed use building is complete they hope to rebuild the gymnasium on the East end of the property where they will have a slightly larger footprint than the original gym, which will allow incorporating space for parents/spectators to watch the activities. TCS has created a short survey for the SPANN readers to participate in and provide feedback for the future development plans. You can access the survey at www.turkishcanadiansociety.ca/canora-feedback or contact the TCS Board directly at turkishcanadians.edmonton@gmail.com.

Sim Senol is the Vice-President of the Turkish Canadian Society.

In Remembrance: Irene Blain

Dawne Colwell

On March 16, 2021, Irene Blain, President and Civics Director for the West Jasper- Sherwood Community League, passed away. This sad news was not expected and shocked her husband, extended family, friends and the residents of our communities. Irene was a dedicated and passionate leader. She accomplished many goals for the residents. The City of Edmonton had plans for the Jasper Place communities. Their goals were to densify the mature neighbourhoods in Edmonton and to build the West Valley Line LRT along Stony Plain Road and 156 Street adjacent to Canora and West Jasper Place. This presented many problems for our communities. Irene researched all information available and informed our communities of WJP and Sherwood as well as many businesses along Stony Plain Road (SPR) of the City of Edmonton plan to expropriate the east side of the Jasper Gates Shopping Centre in order to build an underpass at the corner of 149 St and SPR to accommodate the LRT. This proposal by the City was cancelled due to Irene’s leadership. We presented our concerns to the council on March 21, 2018. Irene founded a focus group to help evaluate the City of Edmonton Jasper Place Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) for West Jasper Place (WJP) which is one of the four communities of Jasper Place. The focus group presented our concerns at council on March 11, 2019. We initiated several recommendations with some success for the ARP. A developer in our community of WJP wanted to build a 4 story apartment with ground floor commercial on the west side of 153 St. at 95 Avenue which was not allowed by our ARP regulations. The ground floor would include a large bar (more than 100 seats) and would be situated across from an elementary school playground. Irene organized meetings and asked residents of WJP and Sherwood to connect with their alderman to express their concerns. The residents responded with a very large presence at City Hall to defeat this development. Our community has lost a talented, dedicated and very hard working leader who will be greatly missed. Irene spent many hours on the computer researching development in our community. Irene enjoyed gardening and loved animals. Irene and her husband Paul kept fit with exercise classes at the Central Lions Seniors Association. They convinced me to join them which I enjoyed very much. Irene and Paul were good friends and I miss Irene very much.



Jim Andreakos:

Devoted to Sports and Community

Peter Doell

In February, West Jasper Place and Sherwood communities lost a dedicated supporter of sports and our communities. Jim Andreakos, often known as “the soccer guy” passed away after a battle with a debilitating illness.

His wife, Sandy, related that Jim began his service in 1978 when their two sons were ready to play soccer, and he was told that he would have to coach the team if that were to happen. At that time the outdoor soccer season was longer, with registration in March. Soccer started when the snow disappeared from the fields and continued until the end of June. It resumed in September until it was too dark to play on the unlit sports fields. Within a year [1979] Jim was processing all the soccer registrations for the Edmonton West Zone community teams. All the paperwork and applications had to be checked and verified. The teams were put together, balancing communities that had too few players with ones that had too many. Without computers, the dining room table was kept full of papers and team rosters. Jim also registered hockey players for the community teams until 1982. He had to step away from the registrar activities in 2018 as his health declined. It is difficult to comprehend the hours and days that he would have put into this passion for children and sports over those 39 years.

On top of the registrar duties, Jim continued to coach the West Jasper/ Sherwood soccer teams until 1997, when his son aged out of the league. He coached both indoor and outdoor soccer over those 19 years. Sandy recalls that he also volunteered as a field marshal for soccer and would even spend Father’s Day on the soccer field.

Jim was also passionate about our communities. As the Sports Director for the community league, he was involved on the community league Board. In 2001 he stepped up to take on the West Jasper Sherwood Community League President’s position, which he held for the next 15 years, until 2016. In 2005, Jim was honored to have Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan participate in the rededication of new playground equipment for our community league. He continued on the community league Board until 2017.



The Children’s Network

Jonathan Cruz

Our organization is very pleased to announce the re-introduction of “HEALTHY KIDS CAMPAIGN” wherein children are given various indoor and outdoor activities to promote health and wellness that will boost self confidence and well-being. If you are interested in joining these “free activities” all over Edmonton and St. Albert kindly email them directly at director@admissioncenter.ca.

Summer is officially here and so too are summer holidays. Keeping children healthy as well as entertained can be a daunting task. It’s often tempting to order in pizza when putting on a DVD to placate a giggling group of over-excited children.

So, here are some healthier alternatives we hope will help keep kids healthy as well as out of mischief this summer holiday.

Making healthy food choices fun

With school lunches out of the picture and more meals to think of it’s often hard to keep food healthy. Here are some tips to get your children eating more fibre, fruit and veg and less red or processed meat, salt, and other less healthy foods.

Serving up sweet and crunchy vegetables like carrots and peppers is a great way to get children eating more veg. They’ll enjoy the sweetness and crunch and cutting them into bite size pieces makes a great snack to nibble on.

Make a tea-time favourite healthier and get the children involved in cooking it too. Colourful vegetables on a make-your-own pizza, or fresh fruit on top of ice cream, are good ways to start. Getting your children involved in making the food will help them to enjoy it more.

Lead by example and eat healthily yourself. Chances are if you are eating well your children will too.

Get them moving!

As well as eating healthily, it’s really important to ensure that kids are keeping active this summer holiday. Children should be getting at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day. This needn’t be done all at once but can be broken down across the day. The 10 minute shake up is a great way to start working towards those 60 minutes.

Activities such as walking to the shops or a trip to the playground all count towards those 60 minutes but it’s also important to get more vigorous activity from things like playing chase

or swimming.

Protecting their delicate skin

If you’re outside this summer it’s important to be safe in the sun to avoid sunburn and reduce the risk of skin cancer later in life. Taking care now and reducing sun exposure and damage this summer will benefit your children for years to come.

If they’re playing outside then try to play in the shade, especially when the sun is strongest between 11am and 3pm. If there isn’t any shade it’s important to cover up with hats and T-shirts when you can.

Staying in the shade and covering up are the best way to protect skin from long term UV damage. But for the bits that clothes and shade can’t reach, apply generous amounts of sunscreen regularly. And make sure the sunscreen is at least SPF 15 and has as high a star rating as possible.

These are just some of our suggestions for healthy holidays, and we hope that armed with our top tips you and your family enjoy a great summer break.

Sources: 24-7 Childcare Canada Inc. and International Center of Early Learners & Development Inc.

Fraud Safety in our Community

Protecting Yourself From Fraud

Kelly McCauley, MP

Fraudulent activities over the phone and internet are the fastest growing types of fraud in Canada. In fact, according to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, in 2020 alone there were 101,483 incidents of fraud involving nearly \$160 million dollars lost to criminals – and that’s just what is reported. Our experience has been that less than 20% of fraud victims report the crimes.

More specifically, fraud against seniors is becoming more and more prevalent. Seniors are highly targeted by criminals for a myriad of reasons, but mostly because they were brought up in a more trusting era than any other. As technology around us continues to change, fraudsters are inventing new and more sophisticated ways to target the vulnerable.

Criminals can gain access to your identification and other personal information through data breaches, phishing emails, text messages, and even by stealing your mail. They can use this information to open new credit cards or loans in your name.

When traversing the net, keep your personal information personal. Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lock down your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, and your mother’s maiden name.



Kelly McCauley

Watch out for phishing scams. Phishing scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Avoid clicking links or opening attachments on pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with.

Shop safely. Before shopping online, make sure it’s a site you trust. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the website you are accessing has a valid security certificate. You can do this by clicking the padlock on the upper-left side of your screen.

My Motion, M-176, calling upon the government to take action against fraud activities targeting seniors and the vulnerable, was adopted in the House as a Private Member’s Motion and passed unanimously. While the government refused to act on this motion, I will continue to press them to recognize the will of Parliament and take action to protect our seniors and most vulnerable, and will continue to work to educate Edmontonians on protecting themselves from fraudsters.

As always, thank you to the residents of Edmonton West for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Member of Parliament.

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COVID-19 and Fraud: *Don’t Be a Victim*

Dami Osunro

As of the end of March 2020, just one month into the enforced COVID-19 lock-downs across the world, figures already showed internet usage increased by between 50 and 70% while streaming also increased by 12% (Forbes, March 2020). The prediction was that it would further increase and it was not far-fetched. Between then and now, more workers have had to start working from home, more economies have gone in and out of lock-downs and probably most significant of all is that online sales and purchases have further taken root. Many people have had to come to terms with the fact that online transactions have become the new normal. Unfortunately, this has come with its own negative consequences. Increase in fraudulent activities.

Reports from across the world show similar trends. Regular updates of fraud reports by the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre indicated that between March 6, 2020 and March 31, 2021, Canadians have lost about \$7.25 million traced to fraud schemes related to COVID-19. A report around the same time from the

Federal Trade Commission of the United States of America indicated that Americans have lost about \$382 million to fraud related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Not all countries keep accurate records but documentation shows the same trend across Europe, Asia and Africa.

Businesses (both big and small) are not exempt. Who saw the Twitter hack coming? From what was released to the public, it was a well coordinated fraudulent scheme where the fraudsters exploited the vulnerability of staff members working from home. The fraudsters were able to gain the confidence of these staff members towards obtaining sensitive data that enabled the hack. It is an understatement to say that Twitter itself was shocked. It reinforced the point that everyone had to be extra careful especially at a time like this.

The responsibilities of not being a victim lay with each individual. You have to actively try not to be a victim and work hard at being careful. You need to do all it takes and maybe some extra efforts to keep yourself secured. Don’t be a victim!

Dami Osunro is a West Edmonton community member.

Summer Flowers on SPR

Todd Janes

This year we will be ramping up our BIA (Business Improvement Area) with some exciting additions. Last year we finally saw the installation of new light poles and standards from 156 to 170 Street along SPR and after many discussions with the City of Edmonton we are happy to announce that there will be some improvements with our flower beautification program. The hanging brackets that hold our hanging flowers from light standards will be upgraded this year and there will be new standards to all hanging baskets. There will be new brackets and they will be lowered to a uniform height that will be more of a human scale but will still be at a safe level. All brackets will also be installed to be facing the same direction and will provide better and more uniformed coverage between 140 to 170 Street. The flower program is to support the overall look of our business area, not specifically for individual businesses and is supported through our annual budget which is funded through the annual BIA tax levy. This year we will focus on areas with businesses. In previous years, some areas had flowers without

any businesses nearby and we really want the maximum impact for our business members. The number of hanging baskets will increase from 90 to 105 baskets and with better overall coverage you should see the impact of this planning. Based upon this planning and feedback from members we are



modifying placements and scale this summer. We are reducing the number of the barrels that you have seen, primarily in our west part in the past few years, since the new light poles will have hanging baskets and we are adding 15 larger Skyliner planters which are bigger and higher to have a greater impact for customers and residents visiting our business district. We are also placing six new larger rectangular planters in specific locations in our BIA. These additions will offer a stronger floral impact throughout SPR and 100 avenue. We hope as you see these additions it will offer you a smile or two over the summer months. We realize how difficult the past 15 months have been and hope this additional effort will help spruce up our areas for your customers and clients. We will complement these flowers with new plants and berries in our 30+ permanent planters as well which are placed strategically throughout our area. This flower program will be enhanced by our summer clean up crew who will be spending time sweeping and cleaning up litter on our sidewalks and gutters. Todd Janes is the Executive Director of the Stony Plain Road Business Association.

4 simple ways to become involved in your community

Statistics Canada

Want to make a difference in your community but not sure where to begin? Here are some easy ways to get involved:

1. Find your representative. It's important to know who represents you in government decisions. Find out the contact info of your Member of Parliament, MLA, and your local municipal councilor and don't be afraid to reach out to them with your concerns—whether you think more money should be spent on mental health care, or if you think your neighbourhood needs a new stop sign.

2. Get out and vote. This is an easy one. Whenever there's an

election, make sure you vote for representatives who are aligned with your interests and concerns. And don't just vote in major federal or provincial elections—local governments often have a big impact on your day-to-day life.

3. Participate in the census. Taken every five years, the census is an important part of our heritage—it helps us learn more about the makeup of communities across Canada while taking an active role in the civic process. This long standing part of our identity has been around since 1666, when Jean Talon conducted the first Canadian census. Today, the census is the primary source of sociodemographic data for key population groups and it supports economic, educational

and cultural outcomes. Important decisions and policies are based on the data collected, such as where to build schools or invest in support workers for the elderly. An easy way to make sure you and your family's needs are prioritized is to participate in the next census, scheduled for May 2021. You can even complete the questionnaire online.

4. Volunteer in your community. You can learn a lot and make a big difference in the lives of others by volunteering for

an organization that supports a cause you care about. Whether it's a local shelter or your child's school, becoming more engaged in your neighbourhood is a good first step to being more engaged in your community. Even if you try just one or two of these ideas for getting involved, you will see how rewarding it can be for yourself and those around you. SOURCE: <https://census.gc.ca/resources-ressources/cst-tsc/completion-participation/article07-eng.htm>

Visit the New SPR Website!

Business Directory
Blog Posts
Members Only Resources
And More!

stonyplainroad.com

New Jasper Place Wellness Centre Mural Encourages Community

Jasper Place Wellness Centre

In May, local community member and Jasper Place Wellness Centre volunteer, Alison Ochca created this beautiful mural that captures the unique ways connection, community and life happen in our neighbourhood. We are so honoured to see each branch of our community development work & the diversity of the areas we serve so vibrantly represented.

Visit our drop-in centre to see a larger version in our window!

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To keep updated with our resources and community development programming, follow us on social media @jpwcyeg or visit our website, jpwc.ca.



Snapshots of SPR!

Have your snapshots featured in the next issue of **SPANN!**
Send in photos to spanneditor@gmail.com.
All ages and skill levels are welcome!



Photo of wayfinding sign. Submitted by James Wilson.



Interior of Ch.Cafeteria (14802 Stony Plain Road). Submitted by James Wilson.



Photo of Butler Memorial Park (15715 Stony Plain Road). Submitted by Stony Plain Road Business Association.